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Skill bill: Innovation hubs to equip engineering students

COMEDK sets up 8 centres across state to increase admission to engineering courses, aid employability

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Students wait outside a centre to appear for the COMEDK exam (file)

To contend with the low admission rate in most of its constituent colleges and to make the students more employable, the Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (COMEDK) has introduced eight centres for skill-training across the state called 'Comed Kares'.

Four of these 'innovation hubs' have been set up in Bengaluru at JP Nagar, Yelahanka, Banaswadi and Mysore Road. Other centres have been set up in Mysuru, Kalaburagi, Belagavi and Mangaluru.

"Of the 158 engineering colleges who are members of COMEDK, only around 25-30 are able to attract full admissions and that too with much difficulty. The rest are barely getting 50% admissions. As a result, they are unable to invest in advancement and 21st-century skill sets for the students like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, 3D-printing, etc. It is like a vicious cycle because if the courses are not developed then students do not choose these colleges either," explained Dr S Kumar, Executive Secretary, COMEDK.

"To bridge this gap, COMEDK has taken an initiative to start eight 'Comed Kares' innovative hubs where the enrolled students will find any problem in the community which they want to address. The top people from the industry will support them and also give lectures and workshops," Dr Kumar added.

Such hubs exist in parts of the country like Mumbai, however, they charge somewhere around Rs. 1-2 lakh per course.

"We want our colleges to attract admissions plus we want the students to be employable. So in the first phase, we have set up eight of these centres across the state. Each centre has all the requirements for training in Artificial Intelligence, robotics, prototyping, Machine Learning, 3D printing, etc. We want to offer a minimum of six courses to engineering students during their 4-year engineering programme. Each of these courses will be charged Rs. 1,500 and will be four-month long," Kumar said.

> **We want to offer a minimum of 6 courses to engineering students. Each course lasting 4 months will be charged Rs 1,500**
> –S Kumar, Executive Secy, COMEDK

These hubs will allow students to gain competency in the emerging technologies and skill sets required for better employability.

They will also provide internship opportunities to the students for compulsory credit scores.

"All the students are required to do internships for three weeks in any industry. But, it is difficult to get an internship, more so in the industry of your own choice. Even when they get internships, these students are used as assistants by these companies. Now we have requested VTU to allow us to provide internships at Comed Kares centres where they will get broad exposure," he informed. The courses have been recognised and endorsed by Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) and approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) as well.

Calling lady entrepreneurs

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To empower women entrepreneurs, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will give out electric two-wheelers and mobile canteens. Eligible candidates can avail of the schemes online or from the nearest Bangalore One centre.

The welfare department of BBMP has introduced two schemes targeted at women interested in entrepreneurship— electric bikes for working women and mobile canteen vehicles.

Working women living for more than three years within BBMP limits and who earn not more than Rs 3 lakh annually can avail of e-bikes from the Palike. Additionally, mobile canteen vehicles will be made available to women in the street food sector.

> **Women living within BBMP limits for more than three years and those who do not earn more than Rs 3L annually are eligible**

Also in the eligibility criteria, is that the women should prepare the food as per FSSAI compliance.

BBMP Deputy Commissioner (Welfare Department), Srinivas Reddy, told Bangalore Mirror, "BBMP has issued these schemes to encourage self-employment among women. We are issuing bikes for working women and mobile canteen; retrofitted with all requirements to run a catering business. Women can avail of these services online or at Bangalore One centres. Applications can be submitted up to the 31st of this month."

Planetarium to get bigger, grander, but only by Feb

Some permissions were difficult to come by so earlier deadline of November doesn't look achievable

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A deadline is coming close and seems like it will be missed. When work on the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium was taken up under the Bengaluru Smart City Project for the green building concept, the plan was to wrap up work by the end of November. However, as pace of work is yet to pick up, the new target to complete the work is February 2023.

The building is being developed under the green building concept along with Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) to attain a platinum certificate. IGBC is India's premier body for green building certification and related services.

The Rs 31.19-crore project will include amenities like a 600-seater auditorium, four lecture halls with seating capacity for 50 and one lecture hall with seating capacity for 100. There will also be rooms for the chairman and the Board. A reception and lobby area will also be constructed. There will be an observatory telescope, room for amateur scientists, associated rooms and a parking for 60 cars. An STP of capacity of 20 KLD will also be built.

Vinayak Sugur, Chief Engineer, BSCL told BM that construction was still underway. "We are constructing the third floor of the auditorium building and are targeting to finish that by November 15. For the lecture hall, final touches are being carried out by laying granite. However, the interiors are yet to be done so the project will be completed by February 2023."

Work is going on at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium

Sugur added that there was a delay in approval from forest department to cut down the trees. "Approvals were not given for over five months and so the work couldn't be carried out. Now the trees have been cut and transplanted in the premises of the Jawaharlal Nehru planetarium itself. The trees which could be retained are left out and are not axed. Only 15 trees were cut and transplanted to other areas in the same premises," he added.

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The planetarium is getting a new look
BM had reported on Jan 15 about plans for Jawaharlal Nehru planetarium

The revamped space will allow the students to conduct more programmes at the auditorium and lecture halls. "The education programes are aimed for Class 3 to graduation level. There are yearlong programmes for PUC and high school students during the weekends. There is also a SEED programme for Classes 3-5. The lecture hall and auditorium would allow them to conduct more programmes and be able to reach out to more students and graduates," said the BSCL official.

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Residents along Hennur-Bagalur Road sleepless thanks to deafening sound of Metro work at night

AUDIOSLAVE

'No alternative for ongoing work': BMRCL

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With Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation's (BMRCL) construction work going on in full swing so as to complete the Phase II line by December 2024, those residing along Hennur Main Road are having sleepless nights.

They complain that loud thuds, shrill drilling, forklift operations and vibration from the ongoing construction activities have been interrupting their sleep in the middle of the night for over seven months now.

"The construction activity goes on even after 10:00 pm until dusk hours every night. The decibel level is very high, causing a lot of

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"The sound from the worksite gets amplified during the night causing disturbance

–Lakshmi Vijay, resident, Hennur-Bagalur Road

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No takers for green crackers?

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Ode to queer love

Dheemahi Bangalore presents 'Amma Mattu Suhail', a play that's an ode to queer love. It is a meditation on the values of empathy and dialogue as powerful agents to bring estranged minds together. The narrative has moments of passion, anger, sadness and love in its raw human element. The characters attempt to interrogate, understand and acknowledge each other and in this process unveil the universality of all emotions as being the same irrespective of gender and orientation. **Where: Kalagrama, Mallathahalli When: October 23, 7.15 pm**

02 Self-compassion 101

Church Street SOCIAL is hosting a self-compassion workshop in association with The Alt Story. Self-compassion is a practice that you can learn so that you can be kinder to yourself. In this workshop, you will learn how to be kinder to yourself, and the science behind it. Part of the proceeds from this event will go towards more free sessions for those who are marginalised. **Where: Church Street SOCIAL When: October 23, 2-4 pm; Tickets: Insider**

03 Earthen Lights

This festive season, Tamaala is back with its annual event Earthen Lights presenting lamps and lights made from earthen elements by 60+ rural and tribal artisans from Jodhpur, Bhuj, Villupuram, Ramanagara, Belgaum, Udupi and co-operatives in Bengaluru Rural. All art forms are exhibited here to celebrate the earth as we know it in its native form. **Where: Studio Tamaala, JP Nagar, & www.tamaala.com; When: October 23, 10 am - 9 pm; Contact: 7676197344**

Green crackers? But demand's a damp squib

Traders, shopkeepers say orders have been less compared to regular ones; customers argue that green crackers are more costly

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Deepawali is here and while sales are sky-high everywhere, green crackers are yet to find a loyal patronage, say sellers.

Prakash S, a trader of crackers said, "We have been seeing good business this year. We see that most of the people want regular crackers and a very few are turning up to buy green crackers. We have been a little sceptical in ordering huge quantities of green crackers due to low demand."

However, customers have a different story to say. "Not many shops are selling green crackers as they claim that the prices are higher than the regular ones. With not many options, people are going for regular crackers," said Vatsala Srinath, a homemaker.

Avoid firecrackers if you have these:

- Those with an existing condition could be badly affected by a sudden burst of noise crackers that may be enough to trigger a heart attack through a sudden gush in blood pressure or heart rate.
- Noise crackers can badly affect those suffering from 'startle syndrome', a condition in which an individual gets rattled even by a sudden, low noise.
- Epilepsy patients are often affected by lack of sleep as crackers keep bursting through the night. It could trigger an epileptic fit.

How to recognise a green cracker?

Green crackers are those which are certified by Pune-based CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR NEERI). So far, 990 cracker manufacturers have been certified by NEERI. The primary difference between a green cracker and a routine one is that green crackers use potassium nitrate as oxide whereas regular crackers use barium salts. Traders say that the certified green cracker samples are tested and the packaging bears a green cracker logo and QR code depicting the certification.

According to Pollution Control Board Department officials, to identify green crackers, buyers need to scan the QR code on the packet of the firecrackers with their smartphones. These codes have been printed to help consumers easily identify green crackers and conventional crackers.

Most shops prefer selling regular crackers as they are cheaper and more popular even now (file image)

What doctors say

Experts from the Minto Ophthalmic Hospital have asked people to exercise caution. "Although we have seen drastic reduction in the use of firecrackers, we continue to see firecracker-related injuries which could range in severity from mild superficial injuries to severe sight threatening injuries," said Dr BL Sujatha Rathod, director of the hospital.

The doctors say that in case of injury to the eyes, one should not panic. "Do not wash the eye -- most safety manuals talk about keeping a bucket of water while firing crackers for the sole purpose of diffusing unignited crackers -- never to wash the eye), do not rub the eye or self-medicate. Cover the eye gently with a clean handkerchief. Do not press on the eye and contact an ophthalmologist," added officials.

'Public libraries need more improved facilities'

KSCEAA wants state government to make such libraries job aspirant-friendly and open 24x7

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The Karnataka State Competitive Examination Aspirants Association (KSCEAA), an organisation that was formed by aspirants to represent issues in recruitment by KPSC, KSP, KEA, and KFD, wants the state government to provide better facilities in public libraries, especially in competitive hubs such as Vijayanagar and Govindarajanagar constituencies.

Bhavya Narasimhamurthy, KSCEAA president, said that a large number of job aspirants belong to the economically weaker sections and rely on the public libraries for their exam preparation. "These students come to the city just for exam preparation early in the morning and wait in front of these public libraries to open. Private libraries charge a hefty membership fee that they cannot afford," she told Bangalore Mirror.

The state of these public libraries is inadequate with a lack of proper seating facilities inside the libraries and no Wi-Fi.

"We have been in touch with the BBMP Chief Commissioner and we are demanding tables and chairs and Wi-Fi facility to be provided. We are also demanding libraries to be accessible 24 hours so that the students who come from nearby villages do not have to wait," Narasimhamurthy added.

The authorities say that the issue of inadequate facilities in public libraries has been looked upon and necessary steps will be taken.

"We received a letter from the association and we are looking into it. They told us that certain areas need more attention as a large number of students are based there. I think it would be a little hard to make the libraries accessible for 24 hours during the day," said BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath.

However, Nath added they could look into extending the timings of some particular libraries where the demand is high. They will provide other seating facilities that have been demanded as well. The association also informed them that someone is illegally asking for fees at these public libraries.

"We will look into that and take necessary actions against the person," Giri Nath added.

In the past few months, several aspirants have protested in the city against mismanagement by the examination authorities and have demanded transparency and regulations in the entire examination and interview process.

Meddlesome touts? Just install CCTVs

... members of Anekal Taluk Environmental Protection Federation say it is impossible for the common man to avail of government services without paying a bribe

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Volunteers belonging to the Anekal Taluk Environmental Protection Federation, which has been working toward reviving lakes and removing encroachments on government land, want CCTVs set up inside government building rooms to prevent corrupt practices. This comes after they said they were fed up with middlemen haunting government buildings, harassing and charging citizens who come seeking help.

With middlemen, touts, and brokers roaming inside government offices, they say that it is difficult for an ordinary person to avail of bare services without greasing palms. Only round-the-clock CCTV can put an end to such practices, they say.

They added that every time the volunteers visited the office to procure required documents, their work was interfered with by middlemen. The decision by the federation comes in the light of such practices being conducted in daylight; however, with no evidence to support their claims.

“For getting an RTC document, it is only Rs 10, but sometimes these agents charge Rs 100

–Cap Santosh Kumar, Anekal Taluk Environmental Protection Federation

“We have been getting a lot of complaints from the general public about harassment in government offices. Every time there are people going to the taluk office in Anekal, middlemen interfere with the public who wish to avail of the most basic of government services. With their presence, ordinary people are at the mercy of such people and must stand in queues to even get an RTC document. Agents are collecting documents through links in departments and charge a higher rate from people. For eg, for getting an RTC document, it’s only Rs 10 but these agents charge even Rs 100 sometimes,” said Cap Santosh Kumar of the Anekal Taluk Environmental Protection Federation.

Kumar added that they have asked officials to install CCTVs inside government buildings to make them safer for the public. “If anyone complains about such practices, the evidence of the allegation can be verified and obtained from CCTV footage. An eye over the building will also lead to the deterrence of such practices. In case, an RTI is filed, such footage should be used as evidence. We want people to get their rightful service without fear or difficulty.” He added.

He added that if the officials do not install the CCTVs within a span of 30 days, they would write to the District Collector for permission to crowdfund the expense towards procuring and installing the CCTVs. It will be a boon for government officials who are being wrongly threatened by goons and evidence can be provided to vindicate them as well, added Kumar.

“If courts can have CCTV and video coverage of proceedings and we can have video cameras in all public places ie roads, buildings, then why not at the public offices, especially where chances of bribery are more?” questioned Nagamma, President of Anekal Taluk Environmental Protection Federation.

Report sought on biz activities in residential areas

The Karnataka High Court has directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to file a comprehensive report on commercial activities in Wilson Garden and other residential areas of the city within eight weeks.

The court’s direction came on a public interest litigation filed by Wilson Garden Residents Welfare Association seeking direction to the BBMP to restrict commercial activities in Wilson Garden, a residential locality.

The petitioner said Wilson Garden locality has 14 cross roads and in the last four years, illegal commercial complexes have been established. Out of the 115 commercial complexes, only eight have BBMP’s official sanction, it claimed.

A division bench of the High Court of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Ashok S Kinagi directed the BBMP to conduct a survey with the aid of the chief engineer of the Wilson Garden area.

The HC also directed it to file a comprehensive report on the commercial activity in residential areas, the rules and regulations guiding them, the conditional permissions that can be issued and whether such permissions have been granted and periodic assessments carried out. This report has to be filed within eight weeks. **PTI**

Work on Avenue Road is anything but smart

Shopkeepers complain of losing business owing to poor condition of road

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Avenue road, one of the busiest commercial areas of the city, has several complaints about its shoddy roads and uncleared debris. The shopkeepers say that the business has been slow and they are losing customers every day.

The road work comes under the Bengaluru Smart City Project.

The shopkeepers say that nothing has been done to ease their problems.

Govindh Raj, a jewellery shop owner, said, "The road has been like this for as long as I can remember. There is no space for people to walk, and there is always some ongoing construction work. Many accidents also have happened in this area because of the poor roads."

Traffic congestion in the area due to poor rads is another issue.

Mohan Kumar, another shop owner, said, "The bad roads cause a lot of traffic congestion in this area. Because of this, customers avoid coming to this area as they do not want to get stuck in traffic. As a result, we are facing so much of loses in our business."

When the authorities did not take any action, the shopkeepers took the initiative of filling up potholes with mud.

Chiranjeevi S, another shop owner, said, "The cement roads that were constructed are already breaking. Moreover, I feel that the previous tarred roads were much better as they would absorb water whereas the cement roads do not absorb water at all."

The Avenue Road is full of potholes which makes matters worse during heavy rains as it leads to traffic congestion

> "The road has been like this for as long as I can remember. There is no space for people to walk and there is always some work going on
> – Govindh Raj, shop owner

The shopkeepers also mentioned that during the rains, the situation in the area worsens.

Rajesh M, a bookstore owner, said, "Every day, it is a mix of traffic jams and unending honking. The roads are so shoddy that people cannot go through them smoothly. There is a traffic jam every day and because of that even shopkeepers do not get space to park their vehicles. During rains, this area becomes a nightmare."

There is mud everywhere and commuting on the roads is very dangerous, Rajesh added.

Commuters using the road say the road is becoming a nightmare for them.

Raghav Hegde, a commuter, said, "I have been to this place a few times and it is very inconvenient for everyone. There is no space to take our vehicles anywhere. The potholes and debris on the sides of the road further reduce the space."

A BBMP told Bangalore Mirror that the work on the road is going to start soon.

Sound of the Metro

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discomfort to hundreds of families living in various apartment complexes. The sound produced from the continuous movement of trucks, manufacturing machines and construction vehicles, etc., is unbearable," said a resident of one of the apartment complexes in the area.

Reportedly, BMRCL has established a large-scale manufacturing unit on the vacant land behind Shriram Luxor residential apartment complex on Hennur Road. There are other residential complexes in close vicinity of the construction site such as Salarpuria Sattva Aspire, Orchid Greens, Kolte Patil Raaga. Residents claimed the site is impacting over 4,000 occupants of these apartment complexes and raised major health concerns.

"We have had huge lorries transiting throughout the day for over seven months now. While one can ignore these disturbances during the daytime, it becomes unbearable while you are trying to sleep after a long day's work. The sound from the worksite gets amplified during the night and that causes a disturbance," said Lakshmi Vijay, a resident of Shriram Luxor apartment complex located along Hennur-Bagalur Road.

Puneet Thakur, a resident of Orchid Greens, had to change all the curtains of his house facing the construction site to block the light beams that were penetrating his glass doors and windows.

"We have changed all the window curtains. Now we have double-layered dark-colored curtains to protect us from the strong light beams that enter our houses during nights. We wake up at odd hours due to loud thuds or shrill drilling sounds. Those living on higher floors with sleep issues are going through their worst nightmares. Children are suffering as well," said Thakur.

Venkatesh L, another resident of the Sriram Luxor apartment complex, which is adjacent to the construction site said: "The work started early this year. Around April, we had to call the police and seek help as even then construction work used to go on till early morning hours. After that incident, they avoided late night work for a few days, but it picked up again."

Residents said they have written to the local MLA about the issue, reached out to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, raised complaints with the police, and have spoken to BMRCL officials too. However, the 'illegal activity' has continued for months now.

"We have knocked on all doors but in vain. They reduce the work intensity for a few nights but resume in full swing. Panchayat officials and local authorities are shying away from taking it up. They said it is a government project and they cannot interfere," said another resident.

According to BMRCL, there is no alternative to the ongoing work during the night hours. If not done at night, the pier construction cannot be completed.

"There are two components in metro construction. The first is the piling work which involves drilling. Clear instructions have been issued to all site managers to not conduct drilling work post 10:00 pm. The second component is pier work which involves the pouring of concrete. This work can happen only at night as the vehicles have to be on the main road for the pouring process. These machines will lead to traffic jams during the daytime. It is a major challenge that we are facing. Thus, it is a necessity; if not done at night, we will not be able to complete it. The work will take another three to four months to get over," said Anjum Parvez, MD, BMRC

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Vasanth Nagar

This advertisement board outside Balabrooie guest house has been here for more than five months. There are thousands of banners/ boards like this across the city. Despite the court order, no action for removal is initiated.

Unwelcoming footpath

Rajajinagar

This eatery on 10th Main, 3rd block, Rajajinagar opposite Kare Geri Hotel has laid stools on the pavement for people, making it difficult for pedestrians to walk.

This is not a market!

Shivaji Nagar

The newly laid footpath is occupied by street vendors on both sides of the church and Bowring Hospital in Shivaji Nagar. BBMP should take action.

The healing touch of Ayurveda

Ayurveda is becoming popular among people as Ayurvedic medicines are believed to have no side effects.

According to the Ayush Ministry, Ayurveda is among the seven Ayush systems and is referred to as the science of life. "For years, it has been a key part of a comprehensive natural healthcare system in India. It's based on the principle of health and wellness and believes that health is a state of delicate balance between the mind, body, and spirit. Vata, Pitta and Kapha are the basic physiological units, according to the Ayurveda, which govern functions in the body. Their harmony with body tissues is responsible for the state of health and disharmony is the cause of ill health. The aim of Ayurveda is to preserve health while the other is treatment of different diseases by maintaining balance and harmony between Dosha, Dhatu, Mala, mind and environment," the Department says.

Lower disease burden

The Ayush Ministry is organising Ayurveda Day on October 23 with an aim to promote Ayurveda into mainstream, globally. Ayurveda is said to reduce the burden of disease and related morbidity and mortality. The day focuses on strengths of Ayurveda and its unique treatment principles, and aims to enhance confidence building in the public for Ayurveda, create a sense of awareness in today's generation and promote Ayurvedic principles of healing in society.

Global reach

According to a research report by Forum on Indian Traditional Medicine (FITM), the turnover of Indian AYUSH industry is US$ 18.1 billion and the market size of AYUSH industry has grown by 17 per cent during 2014-2020. The total AYUSH and herbal medicines export of India has increased from US$ 1.09 billion in 2014 to US$ 1.54 billion in 2020, registering a growth rate of 5.9 per cent annually. According to Press Information Bureau, "The AYUSH department is promoting and strengthen awareness and interest about AYUSH Systems of Medicine at international level; to facilitate International promotion, development and recognition of AYUSH system of medicine; to foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of AYUSH at international level; to give a boost to AYUSH products/ services / education/ research/ training globally; to promote academics and research through establishment of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign countries, etc."

Ayurveda and food

Food plays a pivotal role in maintenance of good health. According to the Ayush ministry, systems like Ayurveda recommend a judicious diet plan for maintenance of wellbeing. According to Ayush department's nodal officer Dr. Sulochana Bhat, "The emphasis has been given to proper selection of ingredients, cooking method and eating manners. The food regime has been recommended based on the status of digestion, climate, habitat, habituation and health condition of a person. India is well known for its diverse food habits with regional diversity. Being indigenous, the food preparations are intertwined with the recommendations of traditional healthcare systems popular in the particular region."

Ayurvedic food

"There is a lot of similarity between Ayush dietetics and traditional foods in India. Intake of wholesome food and its proper digestion play a pivotal role in growth, development and nourishment. Benefits of food can be achieved only when taken judiciously, customised to the individual and according to the health condition, status of digestion, climate, habitat and habituation of a person," according to Ayush Ministry.

– Prakash VL

Bon appetit

- Know your food: Keenly observe your own health and eat what suits you.
- Eat with a pleasant mind: Psychological status is very important while taking food. It is better to wait for some time and avoid food when you are depressed or tense. Even the wholesome food taken in the right amount does not get digested if the individual is in the state of anger, fear, worry or depression.
- Do not eat without desire: The food taken without having desire may result in indigestion, anorexia, vomiting and colic.
- Enjoy the taste of food: Tasty foods bestow pleasantness of mind, strength, nourishment, enthusiasm, exhilaration, satisfaction and happiness.
- Eat fresh and warm food: It is better to consume food within one hour of its preparation. The warm and fresh food is tasty and results in fast digestion, proper absorption.

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STORYBEHINDTHEPHOTO

GEOMETRY OF RAIN DROPS

I went out on a nature study trip with my grandfather and clicked quite a few photos. I found their shape fascinating.

The picture was clicked by BM reader **A Avani**

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Bull Temple in Bangalore, also known as Nandi Temple, is famous for its large statue of the sacred bull, Nandi. In fact, with a height of around 4.6 metres and a length of about 6.1 metres, the idol of Nandi in this temple is said to be one of the biggest in the world. Though much of the temple has been unchanged throughout the centuries, the present 'Vimana' that towers over the shrine was built during the early 20th century. According to a myth, the iron plate on the bull's head has been placed there by Lord Shiva to stop the idol from growing. An inscription at the temple states that the Vrishabhavathi River flowing through Western part of Bengaluru has its origins from a spring located beneath the Nandi statue.

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where Bengalureans speak their mind

How has been your experience of the recent rains in Bengaluru?

Shristi Achar A, BM Reader
For a city running on gig economies and innovative startups, I don't understand how everything, from autos and shops to electricity and wifi just stops after it rains for just two minutes. As a former Mumbaikar who saw the city functioning in between floods, this is beyond my grasp.

Amit Kohli, BM Reader
This year, the rain really played troublemaker; the roads to my workplace were clogged & filled with water, I had to think ten times before going anywhere in the city & even the food delivery & grocery orders were taking hours because of heavy rainfall.

Divyangi, IT Employee
The frequent power cuts are one of the main issues I faced during the rains. Since I work from home, it can be very infuriating when the power is cut off for over 5 hours during the day. Last week I had to do overtime because there was no power on Friday for the whole day.

Ashutosh Tomar,
Business Analyst
After every rainy evening, I have to take the longer route home, because the regular route is filled with fatal potholes and manholes, which makes my rain experience tiresome after a long day at work.

Shadan Jamshed, Student
The random spells of rain almost every other day, especially during the evening, has caused a lot of disturbance in the daily routine of a lot of people like us who travel for work and also caused a viral of infection waving around the city getting a lot of people sick.

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Business, belongings, under water in Sultanpet's lanes

Shopkeepers, traders, say they're forced to shut shop every time it rains

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In Sultanpet, life comes to a standstill every time it rains. From roads being cut off from the rest of the city to businesses suffering heavy losses, spells of rain only bring misfortune to the neighbourhood.

Shopkeepers say that due to the rain, they have undergone a lot of losses. Bhagesh Kumar Rajpurohit, a store owner, said, "All the shopkeepers in the area face issues because of the waterlogging. The water enters the shops and my items got damaged. The depth of the water reaches 5 to 6 feet."

Govind Kumar, who owns a clothing store, added that because of the severe waterlogging, he had incurred losses worth thousands of rupees. "The water had entered inside my store and a lot of my clothes got damaged. We have been facing this problem since the last one year."

A flooded Sultanpet Main Road on Oct 17

The shopkeepers said that around two months ago, a person lost his life because of slipping and falling in the rain. Despite that, no action was taken by the authorities.

At times, they have to close their shops indefinitely to avoid more damage.

Rajbir Singh, running a card printing store, said that since they deal with paper, it is important to not let the water enter the store. "We had a lot of losses and we had received a big order a few days ago. But because of the rain, we could not finish it and the order got cancelled."

Manjunath K, another shop owner, had parked his bike outside his shop and it got damaged when the water levels rose. After that, his bike would not start and he had to take it to the mechanic.

Some of the people said that one of the reasons behind the constant waterlogging was the throwing of garbage in the drains, as a result of which, the drains are clogged.

Ravindra Jain, staying near the area, said, "When the water floods, the garbage thrown in the drains and on the roads float on top of the water. The blocked drains then make the problem worse. It is a vicious circle."

The BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer of the area was unavailable for comment.

Traces of sewage in Phalguni River

Fish kill probe reveals industries, residences letting waste into river

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A joint committee appointed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to look into a matter of fish kill at Phalguni River in Karnataka has noted sewage water entering the stream at multiple locations. The report also suggested a detailed investigation of sewage being discharged into the stream by industries, businesses and residential localities.

The tribunal had earlier constituted this five-membered committee to restore the water quality of the river and suggest measures to mitigate pollution. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) was made the nodal agency. Analysis of the water indicated a BOD level of 4 to 18 mg/l, DO of 3.3 mg/l to 6.7 mg/l except at one place where it was 0.3 mg/l and microbial load of >1600 MPN/100 ml and pH between 6.7 to 7.4 units. The river water meets the Central Pollution Control Board's designated best-use standard of Class-C except for BOD values.

The committee has observed that while there are residential and commercial developments on either side of the river, there is no underground drainage in certain areas.

"Major and minor storm water drains join the river and plenty of organic loads were observed at Kudroli, Sulthan Batteri etc. Moreover, sewage collected from hotels, a few industries and residential areas is being disposed of through cess Pool at selected places along the banks of river backwater, which needs a proper investigation," said the report.

The committee has also raised concerns regarding a vented dam situated upstream, which is the drinking water source for the Maravooru Grama Panchayath limit.

The committee in its report has further suggested that the Minor Irrigation department should initiate steps to conduct a comprehensive survey on river encroachment.

Mysuru loses part of its heritage fort

A part of the historic Srirangapatna Fort has collapsed due to incessant rains. There are three forts of 4.5 km in length in Srirangapatna. The fort is covered with a trench, and Cauvery water is connected to fill it. In some places, these trenches have been encroached on.

In the last three months, the fort collapsed in ten places due to heavy rains. The authorities have been negligent in protecting the heritage place. While the palace gets many visitors and tourists, the authorities have taken no corrective measures to av the monument.

The fort collapsed in many places opposite Jamia Masjid, Municipality, Watergate, fort road (Ram Fort Road), Dungeon, Kote Ganapathi temple, and other places. The collapse is 100 ft wide and 100 ft deep. The rocks and soil which is supporting the fort have also collapsed.

The local residents said the lack of maintenance for many years is the main reason for the collapsing fort. The bush is not cleared to protect the fort.

The Archeological department cleared the shrub en route to the Srirangapatna Dasara procession at the time of the Srirangapatna Dasara festival and left other places. During the removal of shrubs, the soil was removed around the fort and the rocks from the fort wall started falling.

Commissioner for the Department of Archeology Museums and Heritage Devaraju said, "The DPR submitted to the government about the Srirangapatna Fort development and protection. We will start work immediately after the release of funds".

Srirangapatna has a lot of historical monuments including Tipu's Summer Palace, Arches, Daria Daulat, Armoury, Sri Chamarajendra Memorial Government Museum, Gajendra Moksha Kalyani, Vasanta Kola, and more than 30 monuments. Locals have been demanding the authorities ensure that the fort and monuments should be protected.

Department of Archeology Museums and Heritage Engineer Mahesh said, "The Rs.1 crore DPR submitted to the Government for the development of the Srirangapatna fort is rejected. Hence, we have not approached an architect to design the Srirangapatna fort areas like Venice city and a revised DPR will be submitted soon.

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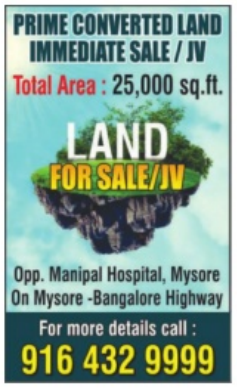

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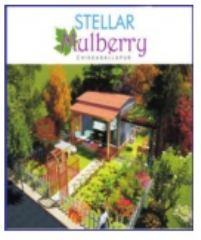

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All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a 16-year-old girl and recently my mum let me go to a male friend's house after school.
When she asked if his parents would be home I said 'Yeah'. However, she called his parents and they said they wouldn't be home until later on that evening.
My mum came over to my friend's house and embarrassed me in front of my friends by calling me a liar because his parents weren't home yet. She took me home and said she'd lost all trust in me.
What do I do now to make it up to my mum?

COLEEN SAYS

I think your mum had a knee-jerk overreaction. You're 16, this boy is just a friend and a few of your other friends were there, too.
And it sounds like you didn't know his parents wouldn't be there when you arrived.
It sounds to me like an honest mistake, but the way your mum is probably looking at it is that you lied – and now her mind is running riot, thinking what else you might have lied about. She'll come round – you just have to rebuild that trust. Rather than ranting at her, try to have a grown-up conversation.
Tell her that you understand she's just trying to look out for you, but that she embarrassed you in front of your friends.
Then why not suggest that next time she calls the parents of whoever you're visiting before you go out, so she knows you're not trying to hide anything.
I think you also need to explain that not every boy you're friends with is a boyfriend.
I'd like to think I wouldn't embarrass Ciara in front of her mates, but, in your mum's defence, it's hard being a parent.
Kids aren't born with a handbook and we worry about you a lot, which means we sometimes overreact and even mums make mistakes.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Festive feast

Deepawali is all about opulence and these dishes scream grandeur. Plate them up for a memorable meal

DAHI ANJEER KI SHIKHAMPURI

Pre-Prep Time: 10 mins
Prep Time: 30 mins
Serves 4

INGREDIENTS
- Grated paneer: 180gms
- Curd hung: 50gms
- Green cardamom powder: ½ tbsp
- Roasted gramflour: 1 tbsp
- Garam masala powder: ½ tbsp
- Milk powder: 1 tbsp
- Salt as per taste

For stuffing
- Chopped onion: one small
- Chopped raisins: 1 tbsp
- Chopped cashewnut: 1 tbsp
- Chopped green chillies: 1
- Chopped dried figs: 2
- Ghee: 1 small cup

Sides
- Beetroot chutney: 40gms
- Mint chutney: 40gms

METHOD
- Take hung curd in a bowl add grated cottage cheese, green cardamom powder, roasted gram flour, garam masala, milk powder and salt mix everything together with soft hands. For stuffing: mix together chopped onion, chopped raisins, chopped cashew nut, chopped chilis, chopped dried figs. Make balls with the hung curd mixture and stuff it with the ready stuffing, flatten the stuffed balls and shallow-fry with ghee. Serve it with beetroot chutney and mint chutney.

LUCKNOW NALLI NIHARI

Pre-Prep Time: 15 mins
Prep Time: 60 mins
Serves 4

INGREDIENTS
- Lamb shank: 600gms
- Sliced onions: 3 cups
- Yogurt: 1 cup
- Fresh tomato puree: 1 cup
- Ginger & garlic paste: 2 tbsps
- Ghee: 1 small bowl
- Lamb stock: 4 cups
- Coriander powder: 1 tbsp
- Cumin powder: 1 tbsp
- Red chili powder: 2 tbsp
- Turmeric powder: ½ tbsp
- Garam masala: ½ tbsp
- Salt by taste
- Saffron: 4 sprigs
- Lemon juice: 3ml
- Kewda water: 2ml

METHOD
- In a handi, add ghee and sliced onions, cook until it becomes golden brown then add ginger garlic paste and lamb shank. Cook it for 5 to 10 minutes then add coriander powder, cumin powder, red chili powder, turmeric powder and garam masala. Cook until all the masalas are cooked and then add tomato puree. Add lamb stock, cover it with lid and cook it at low flame for 30 minutes. When lamb shank is completely cooked, add yogurt and salt according to the taste. Remove the lamb shank from the gravy and keep it separately. Strain the gravy with a sieve to get an even finish, put the lamb shank back in the handi and pour the strained gravy on top of it. At last, add kewda water, saffron water and lemon juice, serve it with some melted ghee from the top.

DUM KA CHAAP

Pre-Prep Time: 15 mins
Prep Time: 25 mins
Serves 4

INGREDIENTS
- Lamb chop: 350gms
- Ginger & garlic paste: 2 tbsp
- Garam masala powder: ½ tbsp
- Yellow chili powder: 1 tbsp
- Degi mirch powder: 1 tbsp
- Mustard oil: ½ cup
- Kasoori methi: ½ tbsp
- Salt as per taste
- Lamb stock: 2 cups
- Butter: 25gms
- Cream fresh: 2 tbsp

Sides
- Beetroot chutney: 40gms
- Mint chutney: 40gms

METHOD
- In a bowl add chopped ginger, chopped garlic, garam masala powder, yellow chili powder, degi mirch powder, mustard oil, kastoori methi and salt as per the taste. Add the lamb chops in the bowl and let it marinate for few hours or overnight. In a handi add mustard oil let it sizzle, add marinated lamb chops and cook until seared nicely. Add lamb stock and seal the handi with wheat flour dough or aluminum foil around the handi and put weight from the top so that the aromas and flavours of the spices are sealed inside the handi. Dum cook it for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove the weight and the lid from the handi, then add butter and fresh cream from the top. Serve it with beetroot and mint chutney.

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A missing case

Kathalekhana begins with a director (Chandra Prabha) and his associate writers attempting to write a script for a movie at an estate on the outskirts of Bengaluru. The more the director attempts to write, the more it gets delayed. Disappointed with the delay, one of his assistants quarrels with him and tries to walk away from the estate.

KATHALEKHANA
2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Arfath Shariff, Kavya Bhagavantha, Gopal Kulkarni, Chandra Prabha, Nagendra Urs, and Prashanth Shetty
- **CERTIFICATION** A
- **Duration** 132 minutes

At this juncture, we are introduced to Jay (Arfath Shariff) who is found murdering a person. Police Inspector (Nagendra Urs) questions the director and his team members about the missing people. We then meet Nandini (Kavya Bhagavantha), the daughter of Krishnappa (Gopal Kulkarni) who works at the estate. The audiences are also told how Jay falls in love with Nandini and how his mother opposes his marriage with Nandini after coming to know that Nandini is from a poor family. What happens to Nandini and what led Jay to the murder is the climax.

As far as the performance of the actors is concerned, Arfath has a long way to go to establish himself as an actor in Kannada films. The problem with him is that he looks stoic in most of the scenes. He fails to realise the difference between romance and action scenes. Kavya too needs some training to hone up her acting skills. She looks beautiful but her performance is not up to the mark.

Nagendra Urs has provided good support while Chandra Prabha gives the much-needed comic relief to make the audiences giggle for a while. His role (a failed director) is a fitting narration of the life of many aspiring directors who come to Bengaluru with a lot of hopes and how they struggle to find a producer to make a movie.

Kathalekhana would have been a good crime thriller had the director had ensured the actors did a good job in the pre-intermission session.

But if suspense thrillers are your thing, we suggest you give it a shot.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Works for me

Tamannaah is a busy bee this Diwali and she is not complaining

Actress Tamannaah Bhatia will be working on Diwali and she says she couldn't be happier.

After giving her best in Tamil, Telugu and Hindi Film Industry, she's all set to make her Malayalam film debut as well. Helmed by Arun Gopi, the shooting has already begun and the busy bee Tamannaah will have a working festive season this Diwali.

Tamannaah said "I couldn't be happier to be having a working Diwali! I'll celebrate the festivities with the entire cast and crew on set itself and I'm looking forward to it. I'm very grateful for all the amazing work that has been coming my way. The love that the audiences and my fans give me, is what keeps me motivated all year round."

Bhatia has more in store for her fans with the upcoming release of her romantic-drama flick "Gurthundha Seethakalam", "Bhola Shankar", "Jee Karda" and "Lust Stories".

— IANS

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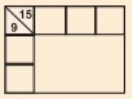
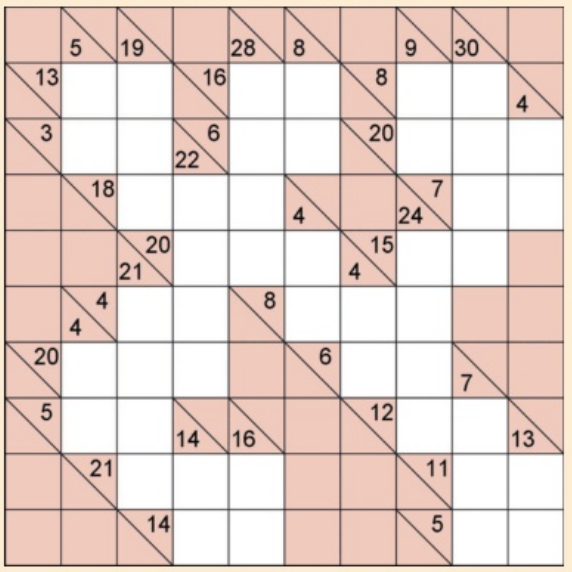


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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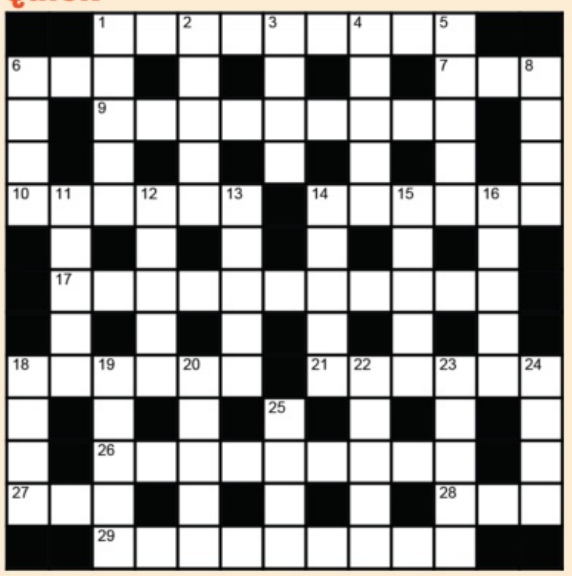


ACROSS

1 Practice session (9)
6 Greek letter (3)
7 Program for a mobile device (3)
9 Become discouraged (4,5)
10 Befuddled (6)
14 Hypnotic state (6)
17 Large travelling case (11)
18 Certify, bear witness (6)
21 Difficult situation (6)
26 Karnataka lies on India's ___–___ coast (5-4)
27 Enemy (3)
28 Internet addresses (3)
29 Emotionally shocking (9)

DOWN

1 Was in power (5)
2 It is said to make waste? (5)
3 Dull pain (4)
4 Each of a set of indoor steps (5)
5 Greek and ____: unintelligible talk (5)
6 Brass instrument (4)
8 Sit for an artist (4)
11 Storehouse (5)
12 Vast or immense (5)
13 Resign–"Timed" anagram? (5)
14 Is inclined? (5)
15 Come closer–as the poet may say? (5)
16 Gullible one (5)
18 Hebrew letter (4)
19 The idiot box (2,3)
20 Steam bath (5)
22 Coffer, strong box (5)
23 Frolic or caper (5)
24 Epochs (4)
25 Counterfeit (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: B EQUALS I

BV B OTYT AOK-VDLTR, OKHQR B PT OTDYBEJ AGBF KET?–QBELKQE

Linemaro

You inspire me to become worthy of you

Mindchow

In the beginning there was nothing, which exploded

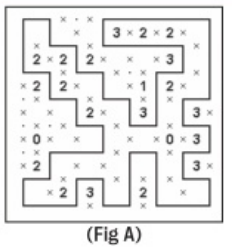
Joke of the day

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floor? It was just a stage he was going through

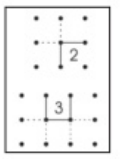
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

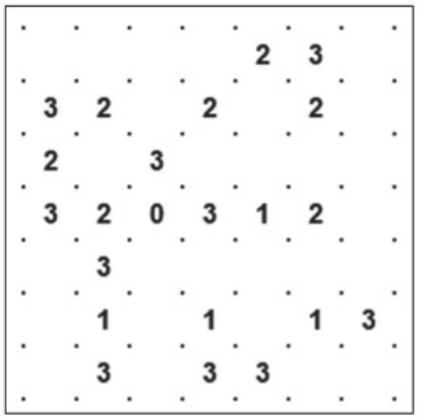


(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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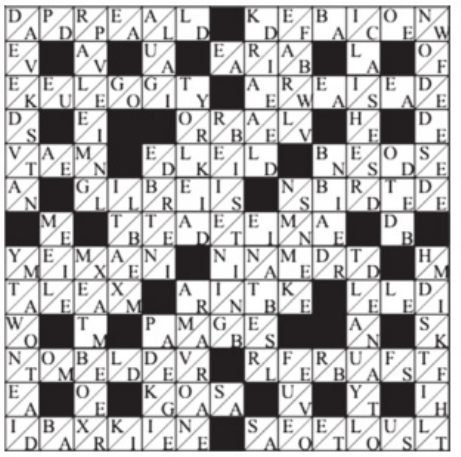
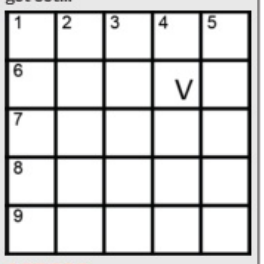


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

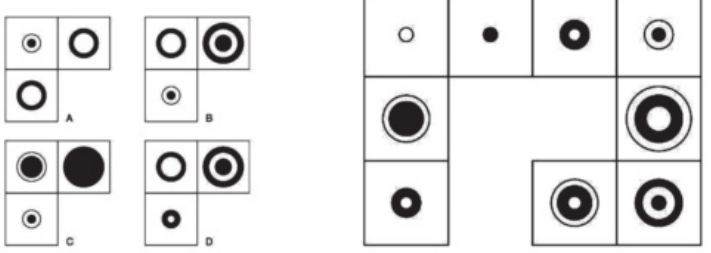
1 All do; 6 V Lara; 7 No rig; 8 Genoa; 9 Slope

DOWN

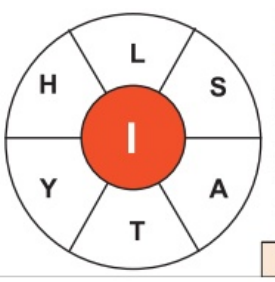
1 A gall; 2 Or gal; 3 Do Pro; 4 Envoi; 5 Leans

Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing section?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

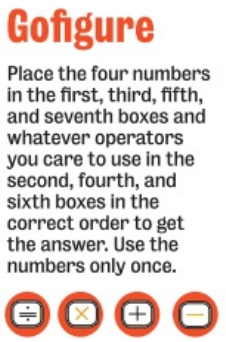
SudokuChallenge

		1			3			
	4		9			2	7	
	8		2					9
4			5		6	3	8	
				3				
	1	9	4		8			2
2					5		3	
	6	4			7		1	
			6			5		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



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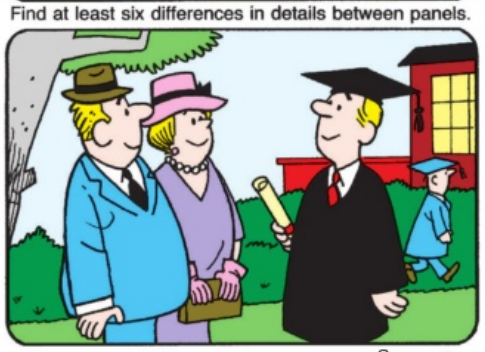
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



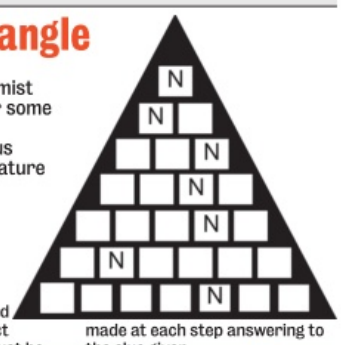
Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Diploma is longer. 3. Cap is different. 4. Mouth is different. 5. Tassel is moved. 6. Hat is larger.

Riddler

Starting with AT add a letter and shuffle to make a new word each time and continue until you reach CREATURE.

Alpha triangle

1 One of the poles
2 Neon for the chemist
3 Perfect score for some
4 Canadian coin
5 Olfactory stimulus
6 Invertebrate creature
7 Customers



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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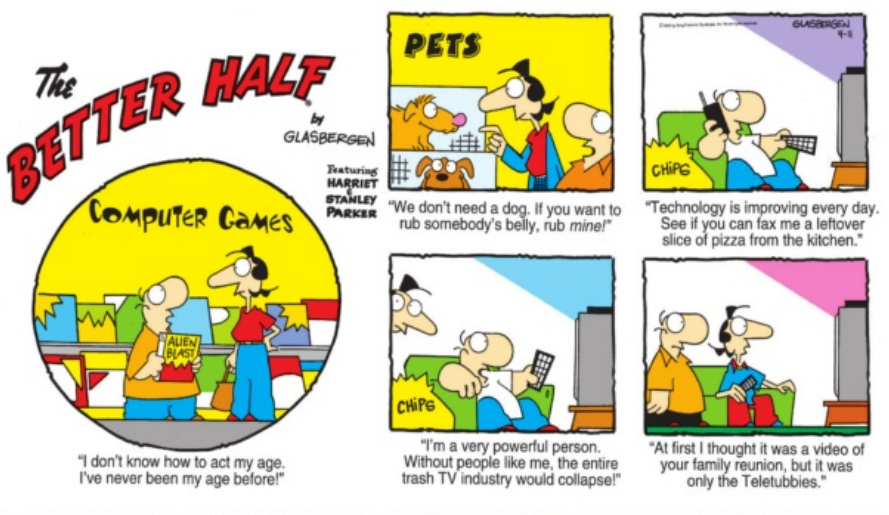
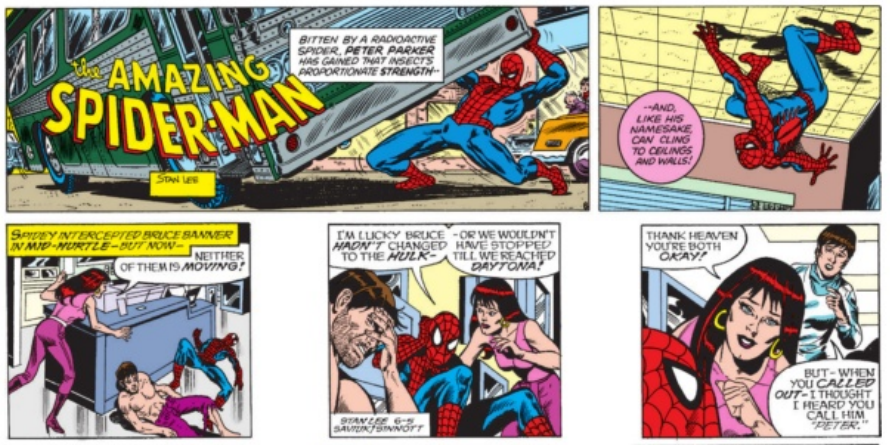

The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
Computer Games
ALIEN BLAST
"I don't know how to act my age. I've never been my age before!"
PETS
"We don't need a dog. If you want to rub somebody's belly, rub mine!"
CHIPS
"Technology is improving every day. See if you can fax me a leftover slice of pizza from the kitchen."
CHIPS
"I'm a very powerful person. Without people like me, the entire trash TV industry would collapse!"
"At first I thought it was a video of your family reunion, but it was only the Teletubbies."

BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
MOM SAID I CAN SLEEP IN THE TENT TONIGHT, IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU.
SURE.
I'M GONNA PRETEND THAT THIS IS THE WILDERNESS, WITH NOBODY AROUND FOR A HUNDRED MILES!
COOL!
MAYBE I'LL BUILD A LOG CABIN AND HUNT AND FISH FOR FOOD, TOO!
NICE!
I MIGHT EVEN GROW A BEARD AND MAKE FRIENDS WITH A GRIZZLY BEAR!
G'NITE
SNAP!
CHANGE OF PLANS.


the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, PETER PARKER HAS GAINED THAT INSECT'S PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH--
STAN LEE
--AND, LIKE HIS NAMESAKE, CAN CLING TO CEILINGS AND WALLS!
SPIDEY INTERCEPTED BRUCE BANNER IN MID-HURTLE--BUT NOW--
NEITHER OF THEM IS MOVING!
I'M LUCKY BRUCE HADN'T CHANGED TO THE HULK--
OR WE WOULDN'T HAVE STOPPED TILL WE REACHED DAYTONA!
STAN LEE 6-5 SAW IT SHOW IT
THANK HEAVEN YOU'RE BOTH OKAY!
BUT--WHEN YOU CALLED OUT--I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU CALL HIM "PETER."
ALL THE NOISE MUST'VE AFFECTED YOUR HEARING, DOCTOR.
I SAID "SPIDER"--IT'S GOT A LOT OF THE SAME LETTERS.
YEAH, I GUESS IT DOES!
AND IF WE'RE BOTH LUCKY, SHE WON'T GOOGLE YOU AND FIND OUT MJ PARKER'S HUSBAND'S NAME IS PETER!
BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.
THE LIZARD--HE'S ESCAPED!
THE LIZARD'S TAIL--
THE LIZARD'S TRAIL!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel happy. Health issues of elders may be cured. Money which was stuck may be recovered which may boost your financial health. You might plan to change your job for a promotion. Job seekers may get jobs with the help of a friend's reference.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may understand the value of intellectual assets. You may complete all your tasks on time. There may be some chances of earning, which may give you comfort. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are likely to spend money on loved ones.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel dull and you may not be able to enjoy. You may be in a hurry to complete some tasks given to you. You may make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may slow down, which may affect your day-to-day work. Your projects may likely get delayed, it may affect your professional life. Before taking any important decision you are advised to take a bit of advice from your elders.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be energetic and more focused which may speed up your current task. Your subordinates may help you to start a new project, which may give you profit in near future. You may expect some short trips because of family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of jobs.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today You may use creativity in your office or at home, which may enhance your social status. You may be able to control your expenditure on worthless things which may increase your savings. Love birds may likely get some support from their family members for marriage. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be relaxed after a messy situation. Your inner strength may help you to implement some difficult decisions in business. You may help needy people which may increase your social respect. Students might get clarity in choosing their career options.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel dull, your health may not be good. You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone, your important investments in the business or real estate. You are advised to avoid rash driving. You should avoid long-distance travelling. Try meditation to get some good sleep.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today blessings from elders may make you happy, your investments may give you profits. Loses are converted into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest in your kid's future also. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to your throat, teeth, ear or nose may be resolved now.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may enjoy work and may get some promotion after your hard work. You may likely help some person in need. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind may make you tired, You may not be able to reach some family get-togethers. Your parent's health may be recovered.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today projects which were stopped without a reason may start automatically. You may be satisfied at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious places to maintain your internal strength. Your elders may show you the right path, which may show you the right path to achieve your goals.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel dull and may also face health issues. It is advised to keep your mind cool. Read documents carefully before signing. You may face difficulty to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid going on an adventure tour. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success. You may be attracted by the occult also.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be busy at home. You may buy some artefacts or creative stuff to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. You may also invest in properties and other fixed assets. You are likely to enjoy your romantic moments with your spouse which may increase harmony in your relationship. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage.

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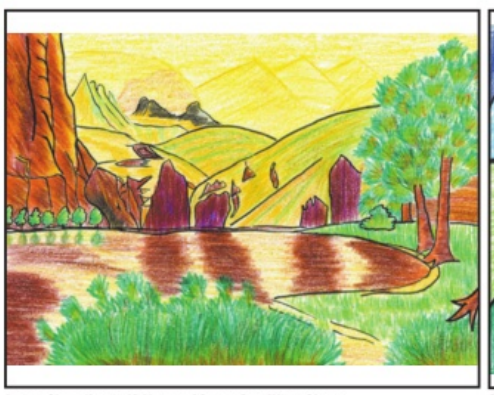

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
1-(0+67)÷ -3
=1-67 ÷ -3
=1+19
=20

RIDDLER
One way is AT, RAT, TEAR, REACT, CRATER, TERRACE, CREATURE

QUOTE UNCODE
If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one? – Lincoln

FAST FIVE

A	L	D	O	L
L	A	R	V	A
G	R	O	I	N
A	G	O	N	E
L	O	P	E	S

BULL'S EYE
hail, HASTILY, hilt, list, sail, silt, slit, tail

STRIKE OUT

D	A	R	K	E	N	S	E	T	O	U
E	E	K	O	A	V	T	T	I		
N	O	B	L	E	R	E	B	U	F	F
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V	A	A	E	R	A	A	O			
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QUICK

T	R	A	U	M	A	T	I	C		
F	O	E	N	A	S	I	P	S		
S	O	U	T	H	W	E	S	T		A
L	V	A	S	H	N	R				
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MENSA PUZZLE
B: looking across and down add another circle, alternating black/white, to alternate squares

SUDOKU

9	2	1	7	6	3	8	4	5
6	4	5	9	8	1	2	7	3
7	8	3	2	5	4	1	6	9
4	7	2	5	9	6	3	8	1
8	5	6	1	3	2	7	9	4
3	1	9	4	7	8	6	5	2
2	9	7	8	1	5	4	3	6
5	6	4	3	2	7	9	1	8
1	3	8	6	4	9	5	2	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, Ne, Ten, Cent, Scent, Insect, Clients.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 4 x 1 – 3 = 5
Medium
4 + 9 + 6 – 9 = 10
Hard
7 – 4 + 4 + 9 = 16

LOOP

KAKURO

5	19			29	8	9	30			
14	4	9	7	9	16	8	1	7	4	
3	1	2	22	5	4	1	20	8	9	3
	8	4	6	8	4	3	1	7	6	1
16	8	9	8	3	9	7	4	15	7	8
4	3	1	2	1	3	4	21			
20	3	9	8		1	8	6	1	3	4
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